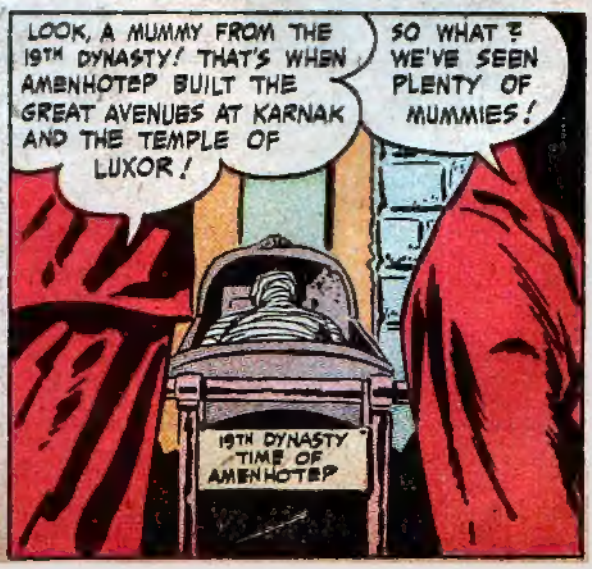
HELP US TO DIE!

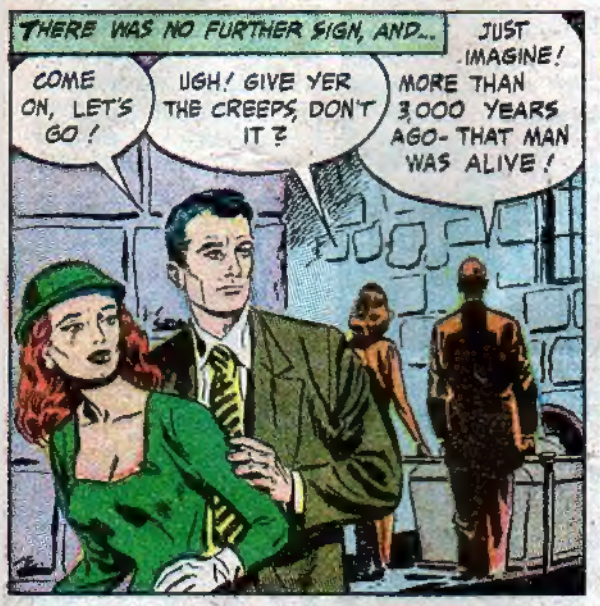
DRINK IT AND YOU SHALL LIVE FOREVER! ETERNAL LIFE! HA, HA, HA!
NEVER GET SICK! NEVER DIE! THAT'S WHAT I WANT!
SO DO I! GIVE ME MY SHARE! IT'LL BE WONDERFUL!
IF THE WIND IS RIGHT, YOU'LL HEAR THE TERRIBLE, AGONIZED CRIES! THEY SEEM TO COME FROM A RAGGED CLIFF, WHERE STUNTED TREES STAND LIKE SENTINELS TO GUARD A PLACE OF GHASTLY HORROR! BUT DO NOT INVESTIGATE! THAT'S WHAT MARJ AND JIM TORRENCE DID! THEY WANTED TO LIVE FOREVER, AND NOW THEY ARE MOANING... "HELP US TO DIE!"

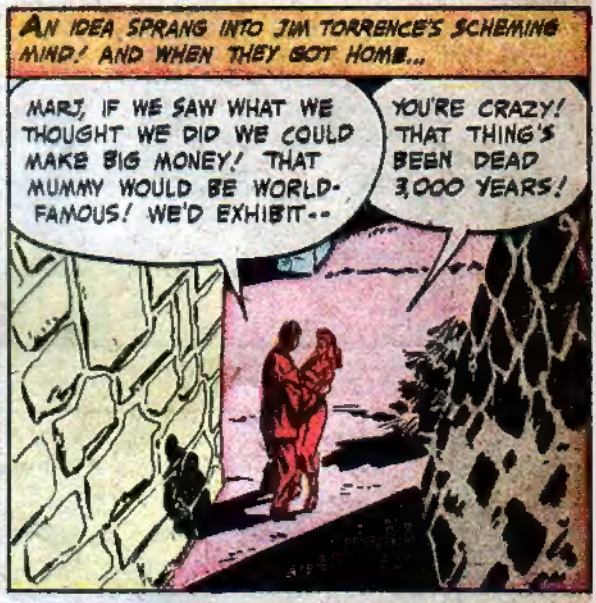
JIM TORRENCE HAD ALWAYS BEEN INTERESTED IN EGYPTOLOGY! IT WAS HIS HOBBY. ONE DAY, WHEN HE AND HIS WIFE, MARJORIE, WERE IN A MUSEUM...
COME ON, LET'S GO TO THE EGYPTIAN ROOM!
EGYPT! GOSH, I'M SICK OF IT! OH, WELL, ALL RIGHT!


LOOK, A MUMMY FROM THE 19TH DYNASTY! THAT'S WHEN AMENHOTEP BUILT THE GREAT AVENUES AT KARNAK AND THE TEMPLE OF LUXOR!
SO WHAT? WE'VE SEEN PLENTY OF MUMMIES!
19TH DYNASTY TIME OF AMENHOTEP

THEN, SUDDENLY...
AM I CRAZY? JIM!--LOOK!
WHA--?! IT'S TRYING TO MOAN! HEAR IT? AN' IT'S EYES ARE OPENING!
OHHHH!

HAD THEY IMAGINED IT? IN ANOTHER INSTANT...
IT'S ALIVE! ALIVE! WHY- WHY--
NO! LOOK, IT'S EYES ARE CLOSED!

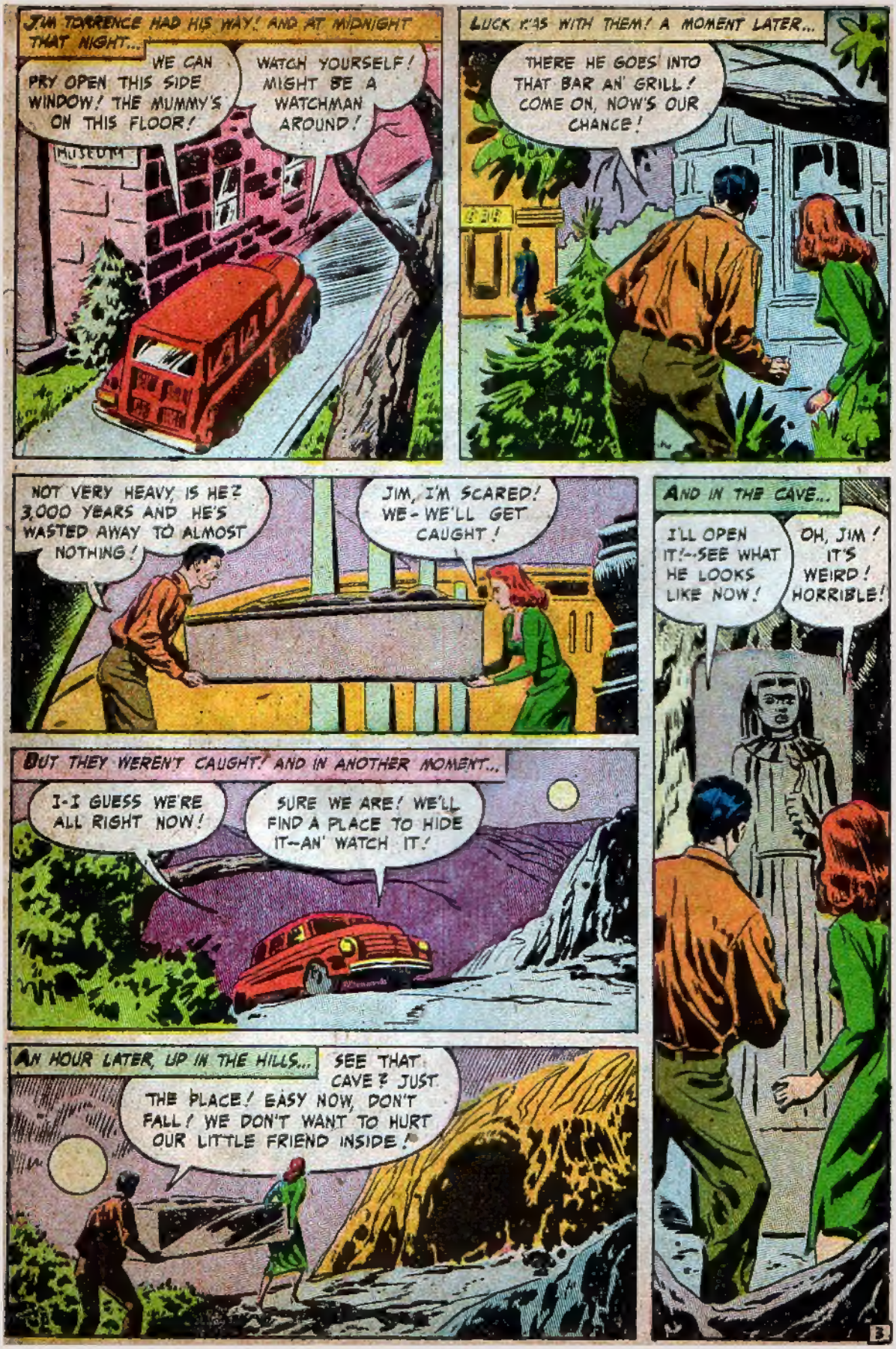

THERE WAS NO FURTHER SIGN, AND...
COME ON, LET'S GO!
UGH! GIVE YER THE CREEPS, DON'T IT?
JUST IMAGINE! MORE THAN 3,000 YEARS AGO- THAT MAN WAS ALIVE!


AN IDEA SPRANG INTO JIM TORRENCE'S SCHEMING MIND! AND WHEN THEY GOT HOME...
MARJ, IF WE SAW WHAT WE THOUGHT WE DID WE COULD MAKE BIG MONEY! THAT MUMMY WOULD BE WORLD-FAMOUS! WE'D EXHIBIT--
YOU'RE CRAZY! THAT THING'S BEEN DEAD 3,000 YEARS!

AN' NOW IT'S COMING BACK TO LIFE! HOW DO WE THINK WE CAN UNDERSTAND THE SECRETS OF ANCIENT EGYPT? ETERNAL LIFE! RECORDS SHOW THEY WERE ALWAYS SEARCHING FOR IT!

I'LL GET IT OUT OF THE MUSEUM! WE'LL TAKE IT SOMEWHERE! HIDE IT AN' WATCH! SEE WHAT HAPPENS!
STEAL A MUMMY? DON'T BE A SAP! WE'D HAVE THE POLICE AFTER US!

THERE'RE PLENTY OF MUMMIES! I'D DISGUISE IT--CHANGE THE INSCRIPTIONS! WHY--WE COULD SMUGGLE IT TO EGYPT AN' PRETEND WE JUST FOUND IT THERE!


JIM TORRENCE HAD HIS WAY! AND AT MIDNIGHT THAT NIGHT...
WE CAN PRY OPEN THIS SIDE WINDOW! THE MUMMY'S ON THIS FLOOR!
WATCH YOURSELF! MIGHT BE A WATCHMAN AROUND!
MUSEUM
LUCK WAS WITH THEM! A MOMENT LATER...
THERE HE GOES INTO THAT BAR AN' GRILL! COME ON, NOW'S OUR CHANCE!
NOT VERY HEAVY, IS HE? 3,000 YEARS AND HE'S WASTED AWAY TO ALMOST NOTHING!
JIM, I'M SCARED! WE-WE'LL GET CAUGHT!
AND IN THE CAVE...
I'LL OPEN IT!--SEE WHAT HE LOOKS LIKE NOW!
OH, JIM! IT'S WEIRD! HORRIBLE!
BUT THEY WEREN'T CAUGHT! AND IN ANOTHER MOMENT...
I-I GUESS WE'RE ALL RIGHT NOW!
SURE WE ARE! WE'LL FIND A PLACE TO HIDE IT--AN' WATCH IT!
AN HOUR LATER, UP IN THE HILLS...
SEE THAT CAVE? JUST THE PLACE! EASY NOW, DON'T FALL! WE DON'T WANT TO HURT OUR LITTLE FRIEND INSIDE!
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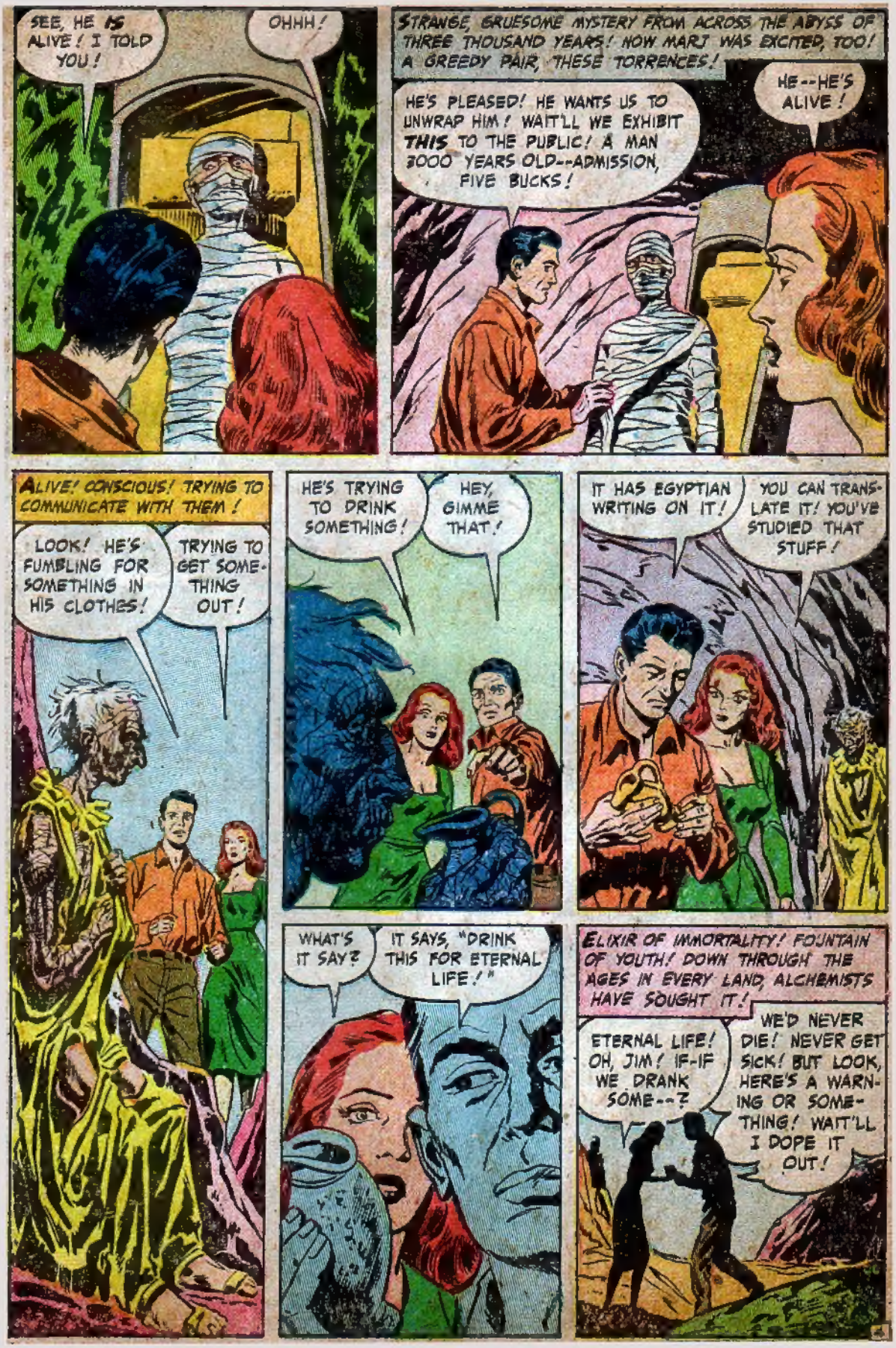
SEE, HE IS ALIVE! I TOLD YOU!
OHHH!
STRANGE, GRUESOME MYSTERY FROM ACROSS THE ABYSS OF THREE THOUSAND YEARS! NOW MARJ WAS EXCITED, TOO! A GREEDY PAIR, THESE TORRENCES!
HE'S PLEASED! HE WANTS US TO UNWRAP HIM! WAIT'LL WE EXHIBIT THIS TO THE PUBLIC! A MAN 3000 YEARS OLD--ADMISSION, FIVE BUCKS!
HE--HE'S ALIVE!
ALIVE! CONSCIOUS! TRYING TO COMMUNICATE WITH THEM!
LOOK! HE'S FUMBLING FOR SOMETHING IN HIS CLOTHES!
TRYING TO GET SOMETHING OUT!
HE'S TRYING TO DRINK SOMETHING!
HEY, GIMME THAT!
IT HAS EGYPTIAN WRITING ON IT!
YOU CAN TRANSLATE IT! YOU'VE STUDIED THAT STUFF!
WHAT'S IT SAY?
IT SAYS, "DRINK THIS FOR ETERNAL LIFE!"
ELIXIR OF IMMORTALITY! FOUNTAIN OF YOUTH! DOWN THROUGH THE AGES IN EVERY LAND, ALCHEMISTS HAVE SOUGHT IT!
ETERNAL LIFE! OH, JIM! IF-IF WE DRANK SOME--?
WE'D NEVER DIE! NEVER GET SICK! BUT LOOK, HERE'S A WARNING OR SOMETHING! WAIT'LL I DOPE IT OUT!

ONLY THOSE OF ROYAL LINEAGE MAY PARTAKE OF THE SACRED POTION! OTHERS, BEWARE! THE CURSE OF ISIS WILL BE UPON YOU!
GREEDY HUMANS! HISTORY TELLS OF SO MANY WHO SOLD THEMSELVES TO DAMNATION FOR THE PROMISE OF ETERNAL LIFE!
WHO'S AFRAID OF TALK LIKE THAT? NOT US, MARJ!
LOOK! THE MUMMY! HE'S ANGRY!
GET AWAY FROM ME! OKAY, I'LL HAVE TO FIGHT A MAN 3,000 YEARS OLD! YOU'RE ASKIN' FOR IT!
OH, JIM! JIM!
NEVER KNOCKED A GUY OUT EASIER!
AAIIEEE!
HE'S DEAD! WON'T BOTHER US ANY MORE!
DEAD? HOW CAN YOU KILL A THING ENDOWED WITH ETERNAL LIFE?
HE-HE'S STILL ALIVE! YOU CAN'T KILL HIM!
OKAY, SO WHAT? HE CAN'T BOTHER US ANY!
GIVE ME MY SHARE!
OKAY! OKAY!
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THE AROMATIC LIQUID WAS LIKE A FIRE IN THEIR VEINS! FOR A MOMENT THEIR SENSES SWOOPED--THEN...
OHH--THAT WAS SO WEIRD!
YES, BUT WE'RE OKAY NOW! IMAGINE--WE CAN'T GET SICK! WE CAN'T DIE! NOTHING CAN KILL US!
ETERNAL LIFE! THE DREAM OF ALL MANKIND! JIM AND MARJ TORRENCE KNEW THEN THAT THEY HAD THIS WONDERFUL THING! BUT AS THEY SAT THERE, GLOATING...
JIM! W-WHAT'S THE MATTER WITH ME? I--I FEEL S-SO STRANGE!
WHA-?!
AND IN A MOMENT MORE...
JIM! JIM--WE'RE OLD! OLD! WE'RE GOING TO DIE!
WE'RE GOING TO DIE! THAT CURSED THING LIED TO US!
TO DIE! OH NO! THEY WERE GOING TO LIVE FOREVER--THEY HAD ETERNAL LIFE--WHAT THEY THOUGHT THEY WANTED...
JIM! WE-WE'RE LIKE THAT MUMMY! AND WE CAN'T DIE!
LIKE THIS--FOREVER!
WAS IT A DAY A WEEK, A YEAR WHICH PASSED? GHASTLY CREATURES DIM OF SIGHT AND HEARING, FEEBLE, WITH ALL LIFE'S FORCES DRAINED AWAY..
ARE YOU STILL HERE, JIM? OHH! I CAN'T STAND IT!
TRAPPED! LIKE THIS--FOREVER!
IMPRISONED, NOT IN DEATH--BUT IN LIFE!
OHHH!--I CAN'T STAND IT!
HELP! OHH--HELP US TO DIE!

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